



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hirotaoka TODAKA et al.

Application No.: 10/782,759

Filed: February 23, 2004

For: PARTIALLY REINFORCING  
METHOD AND APPARATUS OF  
METAL MATERIAL

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 3, 2006, and pursuant to  
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.